

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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toric Name Cutler-Kenison House ^{- O'Connell}

: Present residential

Original residential

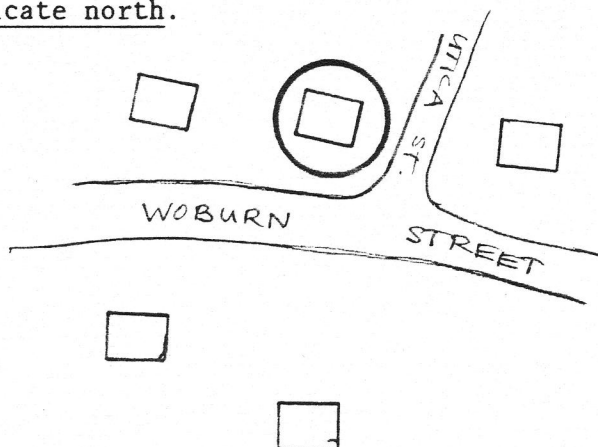
DESCRIPTION:

e c. 1860

Source 1853, 1875 maps; stylistic analysis

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Style Greek Revival Italianate

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

from east side of Massachusetts Avenue
Moved near intersection of Date 1898-1906
Marrett Road
Approx. acreage 12000 ft.²

Setting On busy street; close to other
nineteenth-century Vernacular houses.

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This three-bay-long, one-room-wide, two-and-a-half-story house on a field-stone foundation has a profile very similar to that of nearby late nineteenth century houses. This house was, however, moved to this location from elsewhere in town, and certain exterior finishes reveal its mid-nineteenth century date of construction: the paneled corner boards, frieze board, and Greek Revival doorway with full length sidelights, paneled pilasters with simple caps, and a dentil course.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

This house was originally located on the east side of Massachusetts Avenue at the south end of Tower Park near the intersection with Marrett Road. It was apparently built sometime between 1853 and 1875 and was owned in the latter year by Alfred D. Cutler, who moved from Lexington in 1877 and later became Chief of Police in San Francisco. In 1889 it was owned by Dr. Parker Kenison, a chiropodist who practiced in Boston and lived elsewhere in Lexington, and in 1898 by the estate of W. Pierce. In 1906 a house is still shown on the site in East Lexington, this time owned by George L. Lothrop, a traveling salesman, but one is also shown on the present location at the corner of Woburn and Utica streets, the latter owned by Patrick Costello, a laborer. None of the available later atlas maps -- 1908, 1918, or 1927 -- show the East Lexington site, so it is not possible to ascertain exactly when this house was moved but, on the basis of the evidence available, it seems likely that this is the house shown in 1906 on the corner of Woburn and Utica streets and that it was moved between that date and 1898 and replaced with another house on the East Lexington site.

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1852 map

1876 map (East Lexington)

1889 map (East Lexington)

1898 map (East Lexington)

1906 map (East Lexington)

1906 map (Lexington)

1887 Directory

1906 Directory